

II. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A container, in particular a plastic container, preferably in the form of a pail, having a lid for closing the container, said lid having a receiving area in which, when said container is in the closed state, ~~the a~~ container lip limiting the container opening engages and is held, ~~wherein mutually interacting said receiving area having at least two latch-detent hook members, and sealing surfaces are provided in said receiving area of said lid and on said lip of said container opening, said catch members one of said at least two latch-detent hook members being configured such that said one of said at least two latch-detent hook members is released by way of a first predetermined movement in a first direction, the other of said at least two latch-detent hook members being configured such that said other of said at least two latch-detent hook members is released by way of a second predetermined movement in a direction opposed to said first direction, whereby in order to release said at least two latch-detent hook members, said first and second predetermined movements must be in opposed directions; said one of said at least two latch-detent hook members further being configured such that when said container is in the closed state, said the sealing surfaces are pressed together reliably to form seals, and, in particular, can only be released by destroying said lid and/or the rim.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said receiving area of said lid and said lip of said container opening are engineered such

that closure of said container with said lid is effected essentially by a translational movement or, in particular, by pushing or clipping said lid onto said container from above.

3. (Currently Amended) The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~at least two, preferably three or more latch-detent hook member pairs are provided, at least one of said latch-detent hook member pair preferably being engineered such that the catch is released by way of a different, in particular an opposing movement to that required to disengage the other of said latch-detent hook member pairs, so that in order to release the catch mechanism comprising differently acting said latch-detent hook member pairs, at least part of said lid's receiving area or of said lip of said container opening must be moved in different directions, especially opposite direction said sealed container in a closed state can only be released by destroying said lid.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A container according as claimed in claim 1, wherein said sealing surfaces are provided separately from said latch-detent hook members and/or on the catch members.

5. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one, ~~preferably several~~ of said seals ~~are~~ is provided in said receiving area and/or on said lip of said container opening, said seals ~~preferably~~ being in the form, in particular, of inserted or injected gaskets.

6. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said receiving area of said lid and/or said lip of said container opening ~~and~~ further comprises a predetermined partition location for detachment of a part of said receiving area and/or of said lip, in particular of that part that has the differently functioning ~~said~~ latch-detent hook member pair(s), so that only identically functioning ~~said~~ latch-detent hook member pairs remain, in order to permit openings of said container closed with said lid.

7. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cross-section of said receiving area is essentially U-shaped and is open at the bottom, said lip of said container opening being at least partially, in a first section, straight in ~~said~~ cross-section and being defined between two legs of said U-shaped receiving area, ~~and, further~~ comprising detent hooks, latches and/or engagement grooves that interlock on closure being provided on an inner side of one of said ~~leg~~ two legs and on the corresponding side of the first section of said lip, while on the inside of the other of said ~~leg~~ two legs and on the corresponding side of said first section of said lip of said container opening, said sealing surfaces are provided.

8. (Previously Presented) The container as claimed in claim 7, wherein at least two of said detent hooks are provided on the inside of said outer leg of said receiving area, and at least one of said detent hook on the outside of said outer leg.

9. (Previously Presented) The container as claimed in claim 7, wherein said lip of said container opening is at least partially – in particular in a second section

extending over a portion of said lip insertable into said receiving area – double-walled, said outer leg of said receiving area engaging at least partially in the space between the two walls of said lip.

10. (Currently Amended) The container as claimed in claim 9, further comprising an outer element in said second section of the double-walled lip ~~has~~ having an undercut or a latch-detent hook member, which interacts with said detent hooks on the outside of said outer leg of said receiving area, and, in particular, forms said latch-detent hook member pair which, compared with said latch-detent hook members on the inside of said outer leg of said receiving area and with said latch-detent hook members on the outside of said element of the first section of the double-walled lip of said container opening, requires a different, in particular an opposing, opening movement in order to release said catch.

11. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that wherein said outer leg of said receiving area of said lid has a predetermined partition location in the form of a film hinge for the purpose of parting with a cutting tool, in particular a knife, ~~said predetermined partition location preferably being positioned such that the lower segment of said outer leg of said receiving area, which segment contains the two, in particular differently functioning, said latch-detent hook member pairs, is detached and remains, in particular, in said double-walled portion of said lip of said container opening.~~

12. (Previously Presented) A container as claimed in claim 7, wherein the connecting area of said legs of said receiving area, further comprises a gasket, in particular an O-ring, is provided, which, when said container is in the closed state, is pressed into said receiving area by the upper end of said lip of said container opening.

13. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~catch members~~ latch-detent hook members are arranged as circumferential hooks or latches on said lip of said container opening and/or on said receiving area.

14. (Previously Presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said container with said lid is securely and tightly closed at inside pressures of up to 1 bar, particularly up to 0.8 bar in the case of liquid and pasty substances in particular, and, in particular, satisfied the UN licensing conditions for the transport of hazardous liquid substances.

15. (New) A container as claimed in claim 11, wherein said predetermined partition location being positioned such that the lower segment of said outer leg of said receiving area, which segment contains the two, in particular differently functioning, latch-detent hook member pairs is detached and remains, in particular, in said double-walled portion of said lip of said container opening.